

FINANCIAL STATE OF THE PARISH

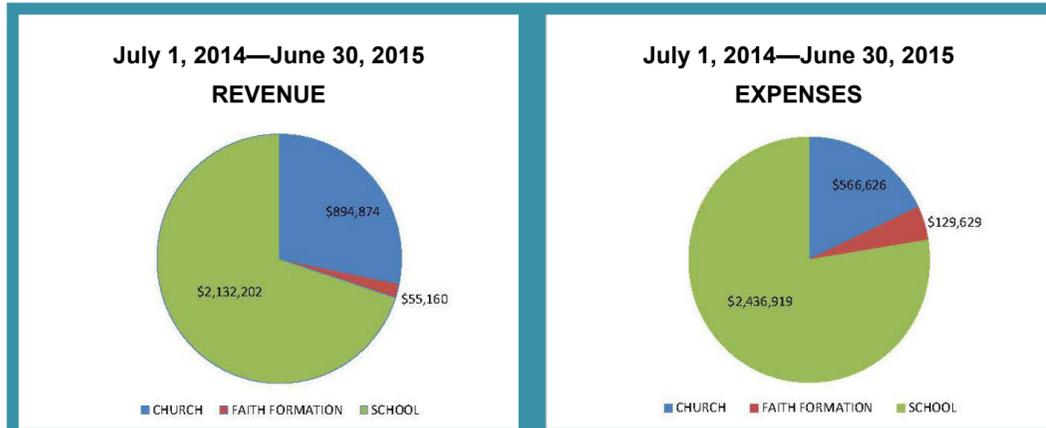
Although we experienced a significant decline in Mass attendance over the past 5 years and continue to witness further gradual declines, Sunday offertory collections have remained relatively consistent. With a declining number of people contributing, the ability to maintain this level of giving can only mean that the faithful continuing members of the parish have increased their level of giving over the years. Thank you.

Though our revenue has remained relatively the same over the past several years, expenses continue to rise. This means the Parish has no contingency funds available for major emergency situations requiring immediate attention. This is a precarious situation to be in, considering the aging infrastructure of the facilities and grounds.

Planning for the Future – Develop both short and long term strategies to:

- Reduce/eliminate debt
- Build a contingency reserve
- Research new approaches to funding education

NOTE: A comprehensive financial statement will be published in December in the parish bulletin. Questions? Please contact John Matyasik, Parish Business Manager: 630-627-4526 or jmatyasik@stpiuslombard.org.



Social Center Air Conditioning Fund July 1, 2013 to October 31, 2015	
Donations	\$64,793
Interest	792
Total Revenue	\$65,585
Expenses	
Electrical and Engineering Studies	(\$3,700)
Installation of Gas Line	(4,196)
Total Expenses	(\$7,896)
ESTIMATED COST	\$65,199
INCOME TO DATE	\$65,585
Thank you!	

Parking Lot Lighting Project July 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015	
Donations	\$7,543
No expenses to date. At this time, there are no firm estimates for the cost of this project.	
Golden Touch Fund	
Balance Brought Fwd. June 30, 2015	\$12,217
Donations July 1 to October 31, 2015	9,349
	<u>\$21,566</u>
Expenses	
Freezer for Social Center	(\$2,735)
Sewer Repair	(3,600)
	<u>(\$6,335)</u>
Balance October 31, 2015	<u>\$15,231</u>

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN	
Three Pillars of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan DISCIPLESHIP: Catholic discipleship means encountering Jesus Christ within and through the Church. We strive to learn more about Jesus, receiving him fully in our lives and taking seriously our responsibility to share His love with others. EVANGELIZATION: Catholic evangelization can be described simply as “sharing our joy.” We invite; we welcome; we listen; we embrace, and as the Pope explains, we must reach out. CHARITY: Catholic charity places our actions at God’s disposal and allows Him to multiply what is being given. We must not dismiss our brothers and sisters with empty “compassion.” With our humble abilities, we are charged to care for them, to give them a voice, and to share Christ’s love with them.	Go Out and Make Disciples Cultivate Lay Leadership Inspire Young Adults Embrace Immigrant Catholics
Focus Areas of the Three Pillars of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan	AIM I: Live the Faith. Cultivate a personal encounter with Jesus in order to joyfully share the Gospel as a knowledgeable and responsible disciple. AIM II a: Build Community Inspire young adults to participate as lay leaders in the Mission of the Catholic Church. AIM II b: Build Community Embrace Immigrant Catholics and encourage their development as leaders in the Church. AIM III: Embrace and share the Word Catholic evangelization can be described simply as “sharing our joy.” We invite; we welcome; we listen; we embrace, and as the Pope explains, we must reach out. AIM IV: Celebrate Our Unity through the Sacraments Emphasize and outwardly proclaim the importance of the sacraments and all vocations. AIM V a: Serve Others, Especially those in Need. Go outside your church doors to care for people in need. Get out from inside the church walls to give a voice to the voiceless. AIM V b: Advocate for and with people in need as the Gospel instructs you to do.
ST. PIUS X PARISH PASTORAL PLAN BASED ON THE SEVEN ELEMENTS OF PARISH LIFE	WORSHIP: Includes all components of worship and the fostering of individual spiritual growth. COMMUNITY: Includes the sense of belonging of all members, friendly, welcoming and outreach to parishioners to involve and include them in parish life. LEADERSHIP: Includes the leadership of the Pastor, Pastoral and School Staff and Ministries. It involves the vision, planning for the future, and evaluating the success of parish efforts. WORD: Refers to the spiritual formation in the parish, and includes explaining, informing and forming parishioners of all ages in Scripture, Church Teaching and Tradition. EVANGELIZATION: Includes all efforts to witness to the Gospel especially to the unchurched and non-practicing Catholics. SERVICE: Includes all parish work directed at advancing all social concerns in the wider world, nation and community. STEWARDSHIP: Involves challenging parishioners to share their time, talent and treasure with the parish.

Thanksgiving 2015

State of the Parish

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

2015 was a year of celebrating milestones of the past 60 years as well as a time to plan for our future. Along this journey, the question has been and continues to be: are we fulfilling our mission *to restore all things in Christ*? Have we been using our God given gifts to foster our commitment to worship, education, service and stewardship?

I believe the answer to that call is, “Yes.” The recent Stewardship of Treasure Appeal brochure cited the good works of many of our ministries. Every week our parish bulletin reminds us of your charitable activities and generosity of spirit. Still others go unnoticed as they live their faith through service to our faith community and beyond. All of this confirms that ours is a vibrant community of faith. I am filled with gratitude for your dedication and willingness to share your gifts with one another.

While celebrating the past, we look to the future. We know where we’ve been and what we’ve done, but we can’t stop there. The world around us has changed dramatically and it is essential for us to develop new approaches to fostering our faith. To do that effectively, we call on the Holy Spirit to guide us as we chart this new journey.

You may recall the Parish Assembly held three years ago in which more than 100 parishioners gathered to develop a Pastoral Plan. From that time to the present, we have attempted to carry out the goals and objectives that were identified. Many of them were realized. But that document wasn’t set in stone. It was meant to be a guide, a living document. We now are engaged in blending our Parish Pastoral Plan with the new Diocesan Pastoral Plan. That plan urges us to **Go Out and Make Disciples: A Framework for Pastoral Action.**

The Pastoral Council already has taken the first step in that process by aligning our 2012 Pastoral Plan with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. We present an overview of the blended plan on Page 6. You will hear and read more about it in the coming weeks and months. I invite you today to consider how you can live out the three pillars of the new plan: Discipleship, Evangelization and Charity.

In this season of thanks, I thank you once again for all you do. Please join us at a special Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 AM. Give your children the gift of faith. Seize the moment to say “Thank You Lord” by attending this Mass together. I look forward to sharing the Eucharist with you and your family at this special Mass and weekly throughout our journey.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Christ,

George Zieba, CR
Rev. George Zieba, CR
Pastor

Journey of Faith

I have no plans for this day, no destination in mind, no stops planned along the way. I am stepping out in faith with You as my guide. I shall walk where You lead, follow where You tread, rest where You lay me down, drink from the water that You will supply. And arriving know that I am refreshed.

John Birch

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Pastoral Council dedicates itself to building and strengthening the St. Pius X faith community. Members of the Council should be of deep faith, and open to the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit. They are to be concerned more about God's will rather than their own.

Council members are selected through a process of discernment and are representative of all aspects of parish life. In most cases, they have broad experience in parish ministry. Their collective understanding of how parishioners view our faith community is invaluable in their role as a consultative body to the Pastor. They are the eyes and ears of the parish, and as such, take feedback and suggestions from their respective constituencies, as well as from the parish at large, for consideration at Council meetings.

Currently we are focusing on the alignment of our Pastoral Plan with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan to insure that we are faithful to the basic structure of our aligned plans while adapting to the challenges of changing priorities. An overview of the aligned plans is on page 6. The plan is available in its entirety at the parish website www.stpiuslombard.org.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The Stewardship Council of the St. Pius X Catholic Community was established in August 2011. The Council meets on the second Thursday of each month and is charged with:

- Study, reflection and practice of Church teachings on Stewardship
- Education regarding Christian Stewardship in the life of the parish
- Coordination of Annual Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure Appeals
- Coordination of the Diocesan Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
- Collaboration with other parish leadership councils and ministries

This year the Stewardship Council has focused on ways to simplify our annual Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure Appeals as well as improved communication about these appeals to our parish family. The Council is exploring ways to engage more of our young families in active involvement in our parish community. We will also continue to explore ways to encourage more parishioners to active participation in parish ministries, and to making regular contributions to the Offertory collection by enrolling in the Online Giving Program. We invite you to visit our parish website www.stpiuslombard.org to learn more about the Stewardship Council and its members.

ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOOL

Since our beginning 60 years ago, our parish has worked tirelessly to "Restore all things in Christ" and our Parish School serves as a vital ministry in our efforts to pass along our faith to our children. Our school motto is "A community of faith, service and academic excellence," and we currently serve approximately 500 students from Pre-School through Eighth Grade. Blessed with active and involved parents, an outstanding faculty and wonderful students, we recognize the tremendous sacrifices made by current and past families, as well as the parish at large, to make our school such a wonderful place to learn, to grow and to experience Christ in one another.

While we possess state of the art technology, an integrated and challenging curriculum and an expanded resource department dedicated to serving the needs of diverse learners, we recognize and embrace our central ministry of bringing our students closer to God in a uniquely Catholic atmosphere. Our faith is the foundation of everything we do, from beginning each class with prayer to celebrating the Eucharist together as multi-grade faith families to sharing our many gifts with the surrounding community through relationships and service. We are humbled by and indebted to the parishioners who had the foresight to establish our school ministry and devote themselves to its success, and we look forward hopefully to continuing to grow and handing this most precious ministry off to our children to nurture and to lead.



The St. Pius X Youth Ministry continues to partner with our Faith Formation program to switch off between a classroom and a social setting every other week. This allows students to fellowship with one another, see their leaders in a different light, explore their God given talents, invite friends, and worship together as a large group.

The Youth Ministry is run by the Youth Ministry Team, made up of 20 adults, and the Student Leadership Team, a new initiative for high school students. These two teams help plan, organize, and lead youth group nights, communications, volunteer events, fundraisers, and social outings.

As of the start of the school year, the Youth Ministry has begun to welcome students and leaders from surrounding parishes including Christ the King, Sacred Heart, St. Alexander's, and most recently, Ascension. Through this, we hope to unite parishes and students and build a strong local community of ministry to youth.

The Youth Ministry also continues to work with our Hispanic Youth Ministry as well as the St. Pius X School. In these two settings, students get to know our Youth Minister and are encouraged to attend Youth Ministry events.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

For more than 10 years, our Hispanic community has been growing in faith by receiving the sacraments, and by our devotion to our Lady of Guadalupe. We are grateful to Father Fernando Cuevas, CS who came to celebrate the Spanish Mass for us for more than three years. And, we welcome Father Firmo Mantovani, CS who will continue to feed us and share our faith.

Our community has continued some traditions from our Hispanic Culture. Each year we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the "Posaditas" in which we reenact the time Mary and Joseph searched for a place to stay. We hope that you feel as if you are part of our community, as we are to yours.

DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO Por más de 10 años, nuestra comunidad Hispana ha ido creciendo en la fe por medio de los sacramentos y nuestra devoción a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Agradecemos al Padre Fernando Cueva, CS que estuvo celebrando la Misa en español por más de tres años. Y damos la bienvenida al Padre Firmo Mantovani, CS que continuara alimentando y compartiendo la fe con nosotros.

Nuestra comunidad continua algunas tradiciones de nuestra Cultura Hispana. Cada año celebramos la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, y las Posaditas. Esperaos se sientan parte de nuestra comunidad, como nosotros nos sentimos parte de ustedes.



The Faith Formation program at St. Pius X is alive and growing!!

The catechetical year began with students, parents and catechists gathered together for a Family Mass. We welcomed Christ into our hearts, and recognized the living Christ in our midst. Our young people are learning about the Holy Trinity, the Church, the Blessed Mother, the angels and saints, greater appreciation for God's creation, the dignity of human life, and the importance of knowing, loving, and serving God in our daily lives. Through prayer and faith-learning, we continue to grow in wisdom and grace. We pray that Christ will always be at the center of our family life and our weekly faith sessions.

Please keep in your prayers all the children preparing for sacraments this year: 89 candidates for First Communion, and 108 candidates for Confirmation. As we give thanks for God's blessings, we are also grateful for the prayers and financial support of our parishioners, the loving faith community of St. Pius X.



LITURGICAL, HOLY DAY AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Masses - Regular Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM for Sunday obligation
7:00 PM in Spanish
Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM
Weekdays 8:30 AM - Monday-Friday
First Saturday 8:30 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30 PM or by appointment - call Parish Office 630-627-4526

Adoration Prayer Chapel

Sunday - Friday 7:00 - 11:00 PM



HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26 - 9:00 AM
Followed by Fellowship in the Martha Room

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 8 8:30 AM, Grade School Mass
7:00 PM



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 12
5:00 AM Mananitas
6:00 AM Mass in Spanish,
Followed by Fellowship
5:00 PM Mass in English
7:00 PM Mass in Spanish
Followed by Fellowship in Social Center



Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Day - 8:30 AM
Last Mass of Advent



Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass
6:00 PM Mass
8:00 PM Mass in Spanish
11:30 PM Carols

Friday, December 25

Midnight Mass 12:00 AM
Christmas Mass 10:30 AM

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

December 31, 2015 - 7:00 PM Mass in Spanish
January 1, 2016 - 9:00 AM Mass

Liturgical, Holy Day and Holiday Schedule Keep it handy not only for regular hours but also for quick reference about upcoming holy days and special celebrations. Mark your calendars now - paper and/or electronic - to keep abreast of liturgical, holy day and holiday services that take us all the way to January 1, 2016, the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. And - remember - we celebrate the Eucharist daily and every weekend - Join us. God misses you when you don't come to His house!

Parish Website www.stpiuslombard.org is the place to go for timely information about parish life. Scroll down the Google calendar on the home page for the day by day and hour by hour schedule of events. There are quick links to Forms, Death Notices, Parish Bulletins, Ministry Scheduler, Online Giving, and much more.

Online Giving Join more than 200 parish families who already have enrolled in our electronic giving program, a safe and convenient way to make donations to our parish. It's flexible and user friendly. Start, stop or change your contributions at any time. You are in charge! Visit our parish website and give it a try. We continue to provide envelopes for those who prefer this time-honored method of making contributions.

A **Christmas Offering** envelope is included with this mailing for those who choose to donate in the traditional way. If you already are an Online Giving user, please remember to review your account about your offering.

Parish Ministry Meetings are open to all parishioners. If you wish to attend, please contact the Parish Office in advance so that you can be made aware of any scheduling change, and be acknowledged at the meeting.

Questions? Contact the Parish Office at 630-627-4526 or via e-mail www.parihoffice@stpiuslombard.org

General Information: Parish Website - www.stpiuslombard.org